



Credit Cards in the Netherlands

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Charge cards gain ground following phasing out of credit cards

INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Charge card transactions to grow on back of travel
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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Number of cards in circulation declines in 2025, driven by reduced reliance on transport pre-paid cards

Changing usage patterns drive transaction volumes

Credit cards transition into charge cards

WHAT'S NEXT?

Declining popularity of closed loop pre-paid cards will hinder growth in financial card volumes

Commercial card payment transactions to benefit from renewed business confidence

Dutch consumers are diversifying their payment choices

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

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